[English]

Visitors from USA

2679. SHRI RUPCHAND PAL :
SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH :
SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are keeping a watch on the high profile visitors from USA who are spreading anti-national sentiments in Jammu and Kashmir on religious basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (c) As a part of the policy of openness and transparency being followed by the Government, a number of foreign visitors, including diplomats and other prominent personalities from various countries, including USA, have been visiting Jammu and Kashmir from time to time. This policy has had a positive impact. Public pronouncements or activities of such visitors suggesting that they are spreading anti-national sentiments on religious basis have not come to the notice of the Government.

Rogatory Letters

2680. SHRI SANAT MEHTA :
SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of rogatory letters issued by the Central Bureau of Investigation to foreign countries during the last one year; and

(b) the details of cases in which the Central Bureau of Investigation has to restore to issueing of letter of rogatories and the action completed by the recipient countries on the request of CBI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b) During the year 1996, 35 Letters rogatory in respect of 12 cases were issued to different countries. The details of these cases are given in the statement attached.

Statement

S.No.	Case No.	Letter Rogatory issued	Action taken by the Recipient
1	2	3	4
1.	RC 4/92-ACU.VI/V	I LR sent to Australia II LR sent to Japan III LR sent to Switzerland IV LR sent to Hongkong	On receipt of reply from Australia, a team of CBI officers was sent to collect the documents on 24.1.1997. No reply has so far been received from Japan, Switzerland and Hongkong.
2.	RC 2/93-ACU.V	LR sent to Singapore	No response received from Singapore so far.
3.	RC 1/94-ACU.V	LR sent to U.S.A. (Distt. Boston)	No response received from USA.
4.	RC 3(A)/96-ACU.I	LRs issued by the court	
		1. Switzerland 2. USA 3. Turkey 4. UAE 5. UK 6. Greece	Switzerland, Turkey and USA have accepted the LRs and action has been initiated by them. Communication in this regard is awaited from U.K., Greece and U.A.E.
5.	RC 2(S)/94-SIG	LR sent to Dubai	The result of the Letter Rogatory is still awaited.
6.	RC 17/87-SIU.XI dated 13.11.87	LR sent to Switzerland	As a legal requirement the Deptt. of Culture will be filing a civil suit in a competent court in Geneva to prove the ownership of Govt. of India over the coins.

1	2	3	4
7.	RC 5(S)/91-SIU -V/SIC.II	United Kingdom	LR has been handed over to UK authorities. The result is awaited.
8.	RC 1(A)/90-ACU.VI	Three-[USA two and Singapore-one]	1. US Justice Department have taken it up with District Courts in Virgenia and Newyork. 2. No response received from Singapore.
9.	RC 11(S)/95-Cal.	1. Issued by CMM, Calcutta to U.K. 2. Issued by CMM, Calcutta to Denmark. 3. Issued by CMM, Calcutta to Latvia. 4. Issued by CMM, Calcutta to Pakistan 5. Issued by CMM, Calcutta to Bulgaria 6. Issued by CMM, Calcutta to Bangladesh 7. Issued by CMM, Calcutta to Thailand 8. Issued by CMM, Calcutta to Singapore 9. Issued by CMM, Calcutta to Hongkong.	Execution Report not yet received from any of these countries.
10.	RC 1(A)/92-SIU.X	LR sent to Dubai	Response of authorities of Dubai is awaited.
11.	RC 23(A)/95-BLR	1. LR sent to Australia. 2. LR sent to New York, U.S.A.	The result of action taken in the matter is yet to be received.
12.	RC 6(S)/95-SIC.II/SIC.IV	1. Australia 2. France 3. Germany 4. Sweden 5. Thailand	Response of the concerned foreign authorities not received.

[Translation]

Funds for Roads In Uttar Pradesh

2681. DR. BALIRAM : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the total funds allocated to Uttar Pradesh for construction of roads during the last three years, year-wise,

(b) the number of villages in Azamgarh and Mhow districts of Uttar Pradesh which have been connected by roads; and

(c) the number of villages in Azamgarh and Mhow district which are likely to be connected by roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Food for Work

2682. SHRI T. GOPAL KRISHNA : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether some State Governments are not lifting food-grains resulting in poor implementation of 'Food for Work' programme under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana;

(b) the total quantity of foodgrains allotted to Andhra Pradesh during the last two years and the quantity remained unlifted;

(c) the details thereof, year-wise; and

(d) the steps propose to be taken by the Government for the proper Implementation of Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) guidelines provide that the foodgrains should be given as part of wages under the scheme at the rate of 2 kg per manday. To ensure that workers engaged under JRY are not put at disadvantage, the distribution of foodgrains is optional depending upon the prices in the open market.

(b) and (c) 1,04,200 MTs of foodgrains were allocated to the State of Andhra Pradesh each year during 1994-95 and 1995-96. No foodgrains has been utilised by the State Government.

(d) Necessary instructions are being issued in consultation with the Department of Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution System to States to issue specially subsidized foodgrains to beneficiaries of Employment Assurance Scheme/JRY under the new PDS.